

WEBB GIVEN MEDAL

Noted English Architect Is Honored by His Fellows.

OCCASION IMPRESSIVE ONE

Ceremony in Corcoran Gallery of Art Marks Beginning of Golden Jubilee of American Institute of Architects—Reception for Sir Aston Is One of Features of Meeting.

Sir Aston Webb, R. A., was last night presented with the first gold medal awarded by the American Institute of Architects for distinguished achievement in architecture. The occasion was the beginning of the social fetes to mark the golden jubilee of the society. Distinguished personages were there by the hundreds from all over the United States and Europe. The presentation ceremony was a simple one. President Frank Miles Day made the presentation address, Sir Aston responded, and Mr. E. M. Howard, C. V. O., chargé d'affaires of the British Embassy, delivered a message from his majesty King Edward VII in the absence of the ambassador.

No more beautiful setting for the ceremony could have been selected than the Corcoran Gallery of Art. The brightly lighted main saloon, with its white colonades and handsomely gowned women, and black and white stucco wall windings in between, made a picture seldom seen at a similar function.

A small dais was placed at the foot of the main stairway in the center. The decorations were extremely simple. The white marble stairway, with several statues on either side, almost lost in a fringe of palms and evergreens, and a big marble statue of Augustus Caesar in the center of the landing, with the American and British flags draped together immediately behind, formed a background for the speakers. Other than the flags, greens, and the women's gowns, the hall was entirely devoid of color.

Reception for Sir Aston.

The presentation was preceded by a reception to Sir Aston. Members of the institute and invited guests entered by the north door, and the receiving line formed to the left of the entrance. It was headed by Gen. Wilson, president of the board of directors of the Corcoran Gallery of Art. Second in line was President Day, who presented the guests to Sir Aston. They were assisted by William B. Munde, first vice president; Cass Gilbert, second vice president; and the following women: Mrs. Joseph C. Hornblower and Mrs. Glenn Brown, of Washington; Mrs. George B. Post and Mrs. Cass Gilbert, of New York; Mrs. Frank Miles Day and Mrs. Albert Kelsey, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Ralph Adams Cram and Miss Peabody, of Boston, and Mrs. William B. Munde, of Chicago.

During the reception the scene was an animated one, women and their escorts strolling in and out of the side rooms, and hanging over the balustrades of the balconies above, taking advantage of what was to be a number of their first opportunity to see the gallery and its works of art.

At 10 o'clock the reception line broke, and after waiting for the crowd to clear on from the upper floor to descend, Sir Aston, President Day, Mr. Howard, and the others took their places on the dais. The guests assembled in front, and when President Day arose, after a burst of applause, the buzz of conversation and the strains of operatic music rendered by a band hushed as if by magic.

Sir Aston Greatest of All.

After paying tribute to English architects, and reviewing the achievements of Sir Aston, saying that he was the greatest of them all, Mr. Day concluded with, "for this reason the American Institute of Architects confers upon you this honor."

The band broke into the strains of "My Country, 'tis of Thee" and amidst great applause, the medal, on a green ribbon, was placed around Sir Aston's neck. He did not remove himself, but remained standing to make reply to President Day. He did so in a characteristic manner, and his speech was typical of the Englishman as generally understood in this country. His face was flushed with pleasure.

He spoke in part as follows: "I am afraid it is beyond my power adequately to express in any words that I have at command the grateful appreciation that I feel, and that I believe my brother architects at home will feel at the great honor the American Institute of Architects has been graciously pleased to confer upon English architects through so unworthy a representative as myself. For, of course, I recognize in this award the desire to honor English architects, generally from which stock we are proud to think you yourselves have sprung. "There is much in the architecture here that is familiar to us as we arrive in this country, and there is much that is unfamiliar, and therein it appears to me lies the charm."

Problem in Control of Cities.

"The problem of the proper control of the expansion going on in large cities seems to present to the world the same difficulties in both countries—for the abnormal growth of many of our cities is as rapid and of as modern origin as your own—we are beginning to feel that the expansion ought to be controlled by certain conditions which should include the provision of open spaces for beauty and also for recreation."

"You have an outstanding example of what may be done by your cities in the great scheme prepared with such extraordinary ability by the Columbia park commission for the improvement of this already beautiful capital of yours. The details of this great scheme are familiar to us in England, and we look forward with eagerness to its full completion and to seeing Washington one of the beauty spots and wonders of the world, as it will undoubtedly become when the scheme is carried out."

Americans Honored in England.

During the course of his remarks, Sir Aston said that it afforded him great pleasure to convey to the assemblage the news brought to him in a cablegram received in the morning to the effect that three members of the American Institute of Architects had been elected to honorary membership in the Royal Institute of British Architects. "They are," he said, "Sir

president, Frank Miles Day, its vice president, Cass Gilbert, and its former president, and if I may say it, father of the A. I. A., George B. Post."

Lady Webb was one of the most interested auditors, and her face beamed as she listened to the tribute to her husband. The guests constituted one of the most distinguished crowds ever assembled in Washington.

FAVOR ROCK CREEK VALLEY.

Architects Discuss Beautifying Part of Washington.

That Rock Creek valley should be beautified and made a public park throughout its length in the District, from the southern end of the "zoo" park, where the beavers gambol, to the river front, is the consensus of opinion of the delegates attending the convention of the architects in session yesterday at the New Willard Hotel. They believe the unsightly dumps from K street to above P street should be turned into beauty spots, enhanced by lawns, terraces, and driveways.

Glenn Brown, of the local chapter, and secretary and treasurer of the institute, introduced a resolution to this effect just before adjournment, when new business was called for by President Day.

ARCHITECTS ELECT OFFICERS.

Balloting Continued All Day Yesterday—Result Known Today.

Officers for the ensuing year for the Architects' Association were balloted for yesterday, and the polls kept open all day, but the result will not be announced until the meeting this morning. It was said last night, however, that the nominations put in the field by the nominating committee were unanimously elected. They are as follows: President, Frank Miles Day, first vice president, William B. Munde; second vice president, R. Clifton Sturges; secretary and treasurer, Glenn Brown; directors for three years, Walter Cook, Edgar V. Wheeler, and J. L. Mauran, and auditor, Robert Stead.

Three invitations were received by the convention from cities wishing to entertain the institute at its next session—one from Chicago, one by telegram from the California Chapter in favor of Los Angeles, and another from Cincinnati. F. Gibbs, chairman of the committee on Newlands, and a number of others were elected to honorary membership.

This morning all routine business will be wound up.

HOW PIETRO PAID HIS DEBT.

BY SADA B. CUSHMAN.

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Pietro eyed wistfully the shining shoes that passed him on the dry pavements. Business was slack and Pietro's heart sank as low as the hoard of silver in his tattered purse. If it would only rain, then the gentlemen hurrying by might need his services, but the blinking stars, half hidden by the smoke of the great city, found not a cloud behind which to retire, and Pietro concluded that he might as well close up for the night. The prospect of closing up consisted of packing his brushes, blacking, and various implements into a small box, and slinging the same by a strap from his shoulder.

One watching Pietro's closing up could determine the proceeds of the day's business. If he moved with alacrity, the jingling of silver in his purse promised well for the necessities of life; if he moved reluctantly, pausing now and then to see if perchance there might yet be a patron for him, the purse was lamentably light, and Pietro's supper must be likewise. To-night he knew that the persistent craving in his stomach must go entirely unappeased, for there was no more than enough silver to satisfy the voraciousness of Isenberg, the money shark, of Water street, into whose clutches the lad had fallen and who found means of exacting his dues even though there were no money left for food.

"Aw, no use kicking," remarked Pietro philosophically as he stowed away his last brush. "I've seed worse luck dan dis here. Anyhow, mother ain't cold nor hungry."

His philosophy deserted him as the poignant memory of the great soft eyes of his mother, wistful with longing for the sunshine of her own land, returned to him. His own eyes filled with unbidden tears, shutting out for a moment the sight of the stream of gay humanity that thronged past on its way to the opera. He did not see the tall young fellow with the debonaire air and shabby coat who paused for an instant beside him, nor did he notice the evident struggle that went on in the young man's mind as with a glance at the dirty face of the urinal, and another at the brilliantly lighted entrance to the opera house, he hurried on. He must be quick or there would be left not even standing room, which was all that the course afforded to pay for. At the ticket window, a fat old gentleman was wrangling over his tickets.

The enforced delay gave the young man time to think, and the face of the street and the pathetic thought of his mother, not to be banished. When the old gentleman had relieved his mind and turned away, the ticket-seller looked at Grayson expectantly, but with a muttered malevolent at his chicken heart, as he chose to term it, Grayson turned away. Pietro was trudging wearily down the street toward that part of the city from which the rich flee and where the poor and the wicked had refuge. Revolving in his mind the weary question of finances, he did not heed the approaching footsteps, until a hand grasped him unceremoniously and a voice asked gruffly:

"What were you crying for, kid?" "Aw, what yer givin us, dude? I warn't cryin'."

"All right, but what's wrong? Bankrupt?" with a quizzical glance at the other's stock in trade. "Got my outfit left. That's about all, though. Business is pretty dead now. Be better after election."

Grayson laughed. "That's right, I find it so myself. What do you say to a good hot steak in here?" They were passing a little restaurant and the aroma of hot coffee and frying meat floated out from between the shutters. Pietro's heart leaped, and he was dispensed with to make up the amount necessary for his admittance to the land of heart's desire, and causing the nostrils of his companion to twitch like a rabbit's.

"Sure, but dis is a bum joint. Come to Magnity's. It's swell there."

They went to Magnity's, and over a cup of strong coffee and their steak and potatoes, Pietro became confidential and told Grayson the story of his struggles, first to provide necessities for his dying mother, and then to escape the clutches of Isenberg, from whom he had borrowed money that his mother might have a burial fit for a human being.

When Grayson, familiar with the ways of the wily money-lenders, discovered that the amount had been returned with triple interest, he took the matter into his own hands, and Isenberg, looking at those same strong clenched hands, admitted that he had asked Pietro to act as agent only that he might give him a reason for his refusal to do so.

Loath to part with his amusing com-

FAVOR MADDEN BILL

Columbia Heights Citizens Want 75-cent Gas.

INDORSEMENT IS UNANIMOUS

Members of Organization Go on Record as Favoring Measure Now Before Congress—Petworth Citizens Also in Line—Committee to Attend Hearing Before the Commissioners.

The Madden bill, providing for 75-cent gas and the universal transfer systems, were unanimously indorsed by the Columbia Heights Citizens' Association at a meeting last night at the Savoy Hotel. President C. S. Bundy and Secretary W. B. Todd will attend the public hearing before the Commissioners at 10 o'clock to-morrow, and as representatives of the association, urge the favorable report of these officials on both measures.

Chairman George Simmons, of the streets and alleys committee, reported that he had been informed by the Commissioners that through alleys will be opened between Thirteenth and Fourteenth and Fairmont and Girard streets, Thirteenth and Fourteenth and Girard and Howard, Thirteenth and Fourteenth and Howard and Columbia, and Fourteenth and Columbia and Irving.

The questions of the payment of extension of streets by the National Treasury, and that of dividing the city into improvement districts, each section to pay for its own improvement, was the subject of a prolonged discussion. Objection to the matter being referred to the executive committee was unanimously rejected, and by vote of the association it was laid on the table until the next meeting.

The establishment of a park at Fourteenth street and Columbia Road will also be discussed at the next meeting. F. Gibbs, chairman of the committee on sanitation, reported that he had interviewed Health Officer W. C. Woodward regarding the cold storage plants of the city, and was informed by that official that

they were regularly inspected. A personal inspection of the plants will be made by the committee and a report submitted to the association.

PETWORTH FOR CHEAPER GAS.

Citizens' Association Holds an Enthusiastic Meeting.

At the meeting of the Petworth Citizens' Association last night, the Madden bill for 75-cent gas was unanimously indorsed.

A committee of five consisting of W. F. Gude, president of the association; J. D. Partella, C. D. Powderly, Mr. Paynter, and E. W. Oyster was appointed to appear before the hearing to be held by the District Commissioners to-morrow. This same committee will represent the association at what hearings may be held regarding the transfer bill. The association also declared in favor of the universal transfer system.

Mr. Gude was elected president to succeed himself, and Mr. Partella was selected secretary and treasurer.

The meeting last night was one of the most enthusiastic ones ever held by the organization, and there were more than 200 members present.

On record in favor of the 75-cent gas bill.

COMMISSIONERS' GAS HEARING.

Business Association and Corporations Notified to Be Present.

The Commissioners will to-morrow, at 10 o'clock, give a public hearing on the Madden gas bill. On the following day at the same hour a public hearing will be given on the Madden universal transfer bill, which reached the Commissioners on Monday, and the Wiley transfer bill, previously referred to the Commissioners by the House Committee on the District of Columbia.

The Commissioners announced yesterday that they desire a full expression of public opinion on the Madden and Wiley bills, and to that end will notify the Board of Trade, Business Men's Association, Jobbers and Shippers' Association, all the citizens' associations, and the several corporations affected, of the hours of the meetings. They will be glad to receive communications in writing from those interested in the subject, but who will be prevented from attending the hearings. As yet, they say, they have received no such communication, either for or against the proposed legislation.

BURTON HOLMES PLEASES.

Lectures on Japan, Using Pictures to Take Audience to Nippon.

Burton Holmes took his audience at the Columbia Theater yesterday into the recesses of Japan where he found many scenes that lent themselves to his purpose and the pictures of life in the Flower Kingdom were frequently applauded. The colored pictures especially were of a superior order.

Snapshots of city life and of the sea-son were followed by an inspection of the marvelous architecture and exquisite workmanship of the temples in the forest of Nikko. The shrines of some of the ancient Samurais, and the processions to their tombs at the annual pilgrimages and festivities were depicted in quaint style. The great Buddha was also shown.

Jiu jitsu, fencing, wrestling and the other sports of the nation were shown in motion pictures. The cherry blossoms and other flowers of the beauty-loving nation were thrown on the screen, while children were depicted to show the Japanese love of home. The Anti-Race Suicide Club emblem caused many smiles.

The travogue closed with several views of the sacred volcano Fuji. Next Sunday and Monday Mr. Holmes will have the Nile for his subject, and on Tuesday he will show pictures of Port Arthur at the time of the siege.

SMITH TELLS OF IMMIGRANTS.

Lecturer Would Send Incoming People to the Country Districts.

W. H. H. Smith gave an illustrated lecture on "Making Americans" at the Y. M. C. A. last night. His talk was a study of the immigration problems, and he advocated sending all incoming people to the rural districts. He believes the remedy for the present situation is to send all immigrants to the country districts of the West, where they may become farmers and home owners, instead of congesting the already crowded cities.

In his talk he stated that in six States of the Union the foreign population is great enough to control the electoral college.

ASSAILS THE CRITICS

Rabbi Simon Decries Attacks on Public Officials.

IS WEAKNESS OF DEMOCRACY

Greater Respect for White House and Congress Is Urged by Speaker at Banquet of Burnside Post, G. A. R.—Discusses Corruption Among Those High in the World.

The weakness of American democracy, as shown by the attacks upon those in authority and the present-day tendency toward dishonest and corrupt methods of those in power, were dwelt upon by Rabbi Abram Simon, in his speech before the Burnside Post, No. 8, G. A. R., Department of the Potomac, at their annual banquet given at the Ebbitt House last night. His topic was "Our Country's Cause."

"One weakness of the American democracy," he said, "is the tendency of every man, believing himself to be equal or a little better than his fellows, to criticize those who are in authority. Those splendid men who guide the nation and whom we ourselves elect are often subjected to the senseless criticism of men whose whole idea is to destroy. This is not patriotism. It is an attack by men who can do nothing else, an attack which can do no good."

"There should be more respect for those in power," he continued, "who do nothing but criticize. Thousands crossed the plains of the West and the Rocky Mountains and cast aside the pebbles and stones which were in their way, thinking them useless. It remained for one man to look beneath the surface and find gold. The golden fleeces of old, waiting for the hand of man to pick up and carry away. So, to-day, there are many men who have passed up the great problems that confront us. They could not solve them. And now, when others strive with them, these men can only sneer and criticize."

"What we need more than anything is a greater respect for the White House, a greater veneration for the Congress whose members we elect and who represent us to-day. A little less criticism, a little more co-operation; that is one of the great needs of our country."

Rabbi Simon then discussed the present corruption of men who stood high in the world, who were, to use his own expression, "men who were well educated and blessed with every opportunity."

"We cannot pick up a newspaper to-day," he said, "without seeing the disclosures telling us of corruption. The men who are accused are not the men of the lower order. They are not the members of the great middle class of society. These are the men whose corrupt behavior of our much-boasted American democracy are the men who belong to the higher walks of life. They are highly educated, they possess every opportunity. These are the men whose corruption has become a matter of public property."

Rabbi Simon was preceded by Rev. Dr. J. M. Schick. In his remarks Dr. Schick spoke of the difference between play time and recess.

Other addresses were made by Dr. A. J. Hinton, chairman of the committee on arrangements; Gen. Green B. Raum, and Commander Lucius D. Alden, commander of the Burnside Post, all of whom confined their remarks to patriotic subjects.

Among those present were Judge T. J. Kimball, C. W. Gallagher, Col. W. H. Proctor, Col. R. F. Hill, Judge H. B. Hamilton, Capt. F. V. de Caster, G. C. Hulise, Gen. G. B. Raum, and Rev. Dr. H. N. Couden.

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